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(b) one or more PCs coupled to one or more of the SERVERs,
each of the PCs comprising:

(i) means for storing PROFILES of RESOURCES into one or
more of the REGIONAL SERVERs;

(ii) means for searching all of the PROFILES in all of
the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(iii) means for accessing a RESOURCE from any one of
the LOCAL SERVERs based on the searched PROFILES.

2. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein
each of the PCs further comprises :

(iv) means for storing a downloadable RESOURCE into [its
respective] one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs.

3. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 2, wherein
each of the PCs further comprises:

(v) means for downloading any of the RESOURCES contained in
any of the LOCAL SERVERs into the PC.

4. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein
the REGIONAL SERVERs further comprise:

(c) means for storing a PROFILE which contains information
about a user of a SERVER; and

(d) means for restricting the user's access to RESOURCES based on [data] the information contained in the user's PROFILE.

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5. (Twice Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:
- (a) [multiple] one or more LOCAL SERVERs, each of the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCES therein; and
 - (b) one or more REGIONAL SERVERs, each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing PROFILES of RESOURCES [associated with] stored in one or more of the LOCAL SERVERs;
 - (c) means for electronically linking the LOCAL and REGIONAL SERVERs together, so that PROFILES and RESOURCES can be transferred therebetween;
 - (d) one or more PCs coupled to one or more of the SERVERs, each of the PCs comprising:
 - (i) means for storing PROFILES of RESOURCES into one or more of the REGIONAL SERVERs; and
 - (ii) means for searching all of the PROFILES in all of the REGIONAL SERVERs.

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6. (Twice Amended) A RESOURCE management system, comprising:
- (a) [multiple] a plurality of SERVERs [, the SERVERs being] grouped into LOCAL SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs, each of

the LOCAL SERVERs comprising means for storing RESOURCEs therein,
and each of the REGIONAL SERVERs comprising means for storing
PROFILES of RESOURCEs [associated with] stored in one or more
of the LOCAL SERVERs [therein] , wherein the LOCAL and REGIONAL
SERVERs are linked together for electronically transferring
PROFILES and RESOURCEs therebetween,

(i) each of the LOCAL SERVERs serving one or more PCs;
and

(ii) each of the REGIONAL SERVERs storing a catalog of
PROFILES [, which] that describe RESOURCEs; and

(b) search means, performed by each of the PCs, for
searching any of the PROFILES [contained] stored in any of the
REGIONAL SERVERs and for accessing a RESOURCE [from] stored in
any one of the LOCAL SERVERs based on the searched PROFILES.

7. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein
the search means comprises means for Boolean key-word searching
of the PROFILES contained in any of the REGIONAL SERVERs.

2nd p 8. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein
the search means for ordering a search of any of the PROFILES to
be performed at a future time.

9. (Twice Amended) A method of managing RESOURCES,
comprising the following steps:

(a) logically grouping a plurality of SERVERs into LOCAL
SERVERs and REGIONAL SERVERs;

(b) storing the RESOURCES at one or more of the LOCAL
SERVERs;

(c) storing PROFILES for the RESOURCES at one or more of the
REGIONAL SERVERs, each PROFILE containing information relating to
its RESOURCE;

(d) allowing a user to search, from a single site, all of
the PROFILES stored in the REGIONAL SERVERs; and

(e) allowing the user to access, from the single site, a
RESOURCE from any one of the LOCAL SERVERs based on the
[searched] PROFILES searched in the REGIONAL SERVERs.

10. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein:

(1) some of the RESOURCES [take the form of] comprise
downloadable [computer] data; and

(2) some of the RESOURCES [take the form of information]
comprise data which is not downloadable.

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11. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 10, wherein some of the RESOURCES [take the form of] comprise physical objects.

12. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein some of the RESOURCES take the form of downloadable data, and the method further comprises the step of allowing a user to download [selected] the downloadable [RESOURCES] data from one of the LOCAL SERVERS to the user's site.

13. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein all of the PROFILES are stored [at] in a single REGIONAL SERVER.

14. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein multiple collections of the PROFILES are each stored [at] in different REGIONAL SERVERS, and each collection contains substantially all of the PROFILES.

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